

## PROCLAMATION CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2008

WHEREAS, many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including managing finances, enhancing education, conducting business and research, and keeping in contact with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, health care and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of attack by viruses and loss of privacy from spyware and adware, and each year, there are significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states and local governments enhance cyber security; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Information Technology Department and the North Dakota Office of Attorney General are working together to provide a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of this state and to educate consumers, businesses, educational leaders and our youth on how to protect themselves online.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2008, CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH in the state of North Dakota.

Governor

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